

St. Leander Catholic Church

Liturgical Ministers Dress Guidelines

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Choir Members, Ushers, Greeters

“God does not require us to dress up; rather we dress up for God.” It is true that God is more interested in the attitude of our hearts, rather how we look when we come to church. However, the way we dress manifests an importance of the action in which we are engaging. Many of us are required to dress up for work and school. We automatically think of dressing up for weddings, proms, and other special occasions. Is not our worship of God more important?

It is true that we can “overdress” as well. Dressing up does not mean trying to impress others. Attention is to be brought to the Lord, not to us individuals.

General Principle: The Sunday Eucharist is the most significant activity of our worshipping community. With this idea in mind, we take care to prepare ourselves spiritually and externally for the most important moment of our week. Our external appearance speaks to the value we place on liturgy. We come consciously prepared to worship, minister to the assembly, gathered in sacred place.

Dress Guidelines: Appropriate dress for liturgy does not call attention to itself (oneself). A clean, neat, well-groomed appearance fosters a sense of reverence. By not calling attention to ourselves we enable the assembly to focus on its chief priority, worship of God and celebrating with the community. These guidelines apply to all liturgical ministers. All Liturgical ministers are asked to come appropriately dressed to fill in if a substitute is needed.

Men: A collared or knit shirt, appropriate pants, and clean shoes.

Women: Dresses, shirts, or dress slacks, with blouses or sweaters. For safety concern, simple shoes should be worn at all times.

Inappropriate Dress: Jeans, sweat or warm-up pants, shorts, leggings, caps, sport jerseys, sweatshirt. T-shirts, beach apparel, and extremely tight-fitting clothing. Dresses or skirts should be no shorter than 2 inches above the knees. Shoulder and midriffs are to be covered.